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# THE OBSERVATOR.

*...be* Salisbury *Man of War's being carried to* Dunkirk. *Reasons for providing sufficient Convoys ...er our Merchant Ships. Of* Wade *and* Kirby's *being Buried in a Church at* Plymouth. *Of the ...States of* Hollands *Enquiry, relating to Persons Disaffected to Her Majesty, who are going from ...rance to* England. *Of the Numbers of Papists and Disaffected Persons in and about the City of ...ondon. Of the Penal Laws in force against Papists.*

From Saturday May the 1st, to Wednesday May the 5th, 1703.

*...ntry-m.* MAster *Observator*, All the Foreign News Confirm the taking of the *Salisbury* ...n of War by the *French*, and that She is car-...d into *Dunkirk*; yet all the Accounts agree, ...at She Fought very well, That Her Com-...nder was a Brave Man, and had a Noble Crew ...Tarpaulins along with Him: But some Peo-... at *London* grumble in their Gizzards, and ... *That the* Salisbury *had not been lost, if there ...been sufficient Convoy for so many Merchants ...s.* They say there were 70 Sail of Ships, ... but two Convoys.

*Obs.* I am sure, Honest *Country-man*, our ...erchants Ships ought to have sufficient Con-...oys, they pay dear enough for it. The Im-...rt and Duties on Merchandize were laid for ...s very Purpose. Your *Custom-House* at *Lon-...n*, was no more than a Receipt of Duties ari-...ng from Traffick, to be employ'd in Building ...ood and Defensible Ships for the security of ...rade and Commerce, and it ought to be so, as ...ng as those Duties continue. Whatever some ...ople may Imagine, the *Exchange* of *London* is ... chief Prop to the *Crown* of *England*; and ... good Services of that City to the Crown, ...often furnishing the Empty Exchequer with ...mense Sums of Money, upon the bare Credit ...a Vote of Parliament, ought not to be for-...tten. Time was, when our Merchants have ...en told by the Wisdom of the Admiralty, ...*at if they sav'd One Ship in Three, it was suffi-...ent*: The Losses of our Merchants in the late ...eign, can Suffer no more such Stories: We ...ust now take better Methods in our Naval ...fairs, for the security of Trade, and the Sup-...rt of the Navy, or else we talk in vain of ...*ETRIEVING the Antient Glory of the* English ...*ation.* Whoever sits at the Helm of the Ad-...ralty of *England*, 'tis every Mans Business to ... on the Watch, to make Observations, and ... keep an exact Journal and Account of the ...ips way; for if the *Navy* of *England* be once ...anded or Sunk, every good *English Man* ...ks along with it. The Fate of *England* de-...nds upon the good Management of the *Navy*. ...ave Reason enough to Enlarge on this Sub-...ct, as some People at *White-Hall* very well ...ow; but shall forbear, till an opportunity ...esent of doing it effectually.

... If those Ships from *Holland* had not sufficient Convoys, 'tis not you nor I must answer ...r it. But one thing is Remarkable, That ...ere were several of the Queens Yatches in that ...eet, who made the best of their way for ...*England*, as soon as the Convoys were Engaged. I ...now no Reason why any that wears the Queen ... *England*'s Colours (tho' it were but a Pinnace) ...ould flie from the Face of the Enemy. If ...e Yatch had but few Men on Board, they ...ere full of Passengers; and we have known the Time, when the Passengers from *Holland* have done as much Service in an Engagement with the Enemy, as the Ships Crew. 'Twas a great Providence no more of those Ships were taken, and I think very ill Conduct in the *French* Commanders; for which I dare Engage they will have but little Thanks when they come Home.

The *Salisbury* was the Ship which Engaged the *French* bound to the *West-Indies*, and was brought off by Signals from Sir *John Munden*'s Squadron. The Commander of her you find was a Brave Man, and I think had ill luck in his not being an Admiral: For I think nothing but Courage ought to Recommend a Person to that Post.

*Country-m.* Now you talk of Fighting Captains at Sea, I'll tell you a pretty Story of the two Run-away Captains from *Bembows* Squadron; they were Shot to Death on Board the *Bristol*, and Dy'd like Men, tho' they Run away like Dogs. I expected they should have been Hang'd up in Chains upon the *Light-House* at the *Eddy-Stone*, that every Commander that pass'd the Sound, might have seen his Fate if he Run away from the Enemy. This would have been a Terror to Cowards: But some good People thought fit to give these Cowardly Dogs a *Christian Burial*; and they had got a good Honest Parson Ashoar, namely Mr. *Martin*, Vicar of the *New Church* at *Plimouth*, who out of Respect to their Treachery, Buried them under his *Communion-Table*, and sent them Both to Heaven by the Title of *His Dear Brethren*. I Protest, Sir, I don't understand why the Prayers of our *Church* should be Read over Men, who were justly Executed for *Betraying the Protestant Religion, and endeavouring to Subvert the Government of our Gracious Queen*; and that Men, who were such Vile, Abominable, Treacherous, Cowardly Sinners, should be Buried in *Consecrated Ground*, and in the *Holiest Place* of the Temple.

*Obs.* If this be true, I make no Question but the Right Reverend Father in God, the Bishop of that Dioceses, will make an Example of that *Clergy-man*. Is it not enough to have the *Royal Navy* of *England* Stain'd with the Actions of such *Cowardly Miscreants*; but must our *Churches*, the Places of *Divine Worship*, be Polluted with their *Carcases*? This Parson would make a fine *Chaplain* to a Run-away Squadron, and may mount a little higher than that, when his *Welsh Highness* shall be in a Capacity to Reward the Kindnesses done to the *French* Kings Friends. But you need not doubt the Parson was well enough Paid for his Pains: They left him a Legacy, as the Story goes of the Dog.

*Country-m.* God be thanked my Queen does not want such in *England* as are true Friends to Her Majesty, and are Enemies to all such, as by Treachery and Fraud would Subvert Her Righteous Government. I am perswaded no Man

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can have a Kindneſs for Her Majeſties Enemies, and at the ſame time have a true Love for Her Royal Perſon and Government; and ſuch as have a Love for Her Majeſty will alſo have a Love for Her Friends, let 'em be of what Opinion ſoever. Our good Friends the *Dutch* have given us a late Teſtimony of their ſincere Affection to their Potent Ally, the Queen of *England*. There are many Perſons of late come into *Holland* from *France*, who are Enemies to Her Majeſty, and are endeavouring to come for *England*, without doubt, to do no good. The States have ordered the Officers in all their Ports, to have a Watchful Eye over theſe People, and to take care that none paſs for *England*, but ſuch as can give a good Account of themſelves.

*Obſ.* The *Dutch* are bound in Duty to do this. 'Twas Our Glorious Queen *Elizabeth*, which made Them a High and Mighty-State, by aſſiſting them againſt the *Spaniards*; and they do now Pay a Tribute to the Memory of that Illuſtrious Princeſs, whoſe Virtues are revived in our preſent Soveraign Lady, who is a *Copy* of the Excellent *Elizabeth*, not to be diſtinguiſh'd from its great *Original*. I think we have too many of thoſe Creatures already come into *England* from *France*: And my Friends at *London* aſſure Me, That the Swarms of *Prieſts* and *Jeſuites*, were never greater than at preſent.

*Country-m.* I have often thought of this very thing, and have wondred how it comes to paſs. Is there no way to drive 'em out of *London*? We us'd to have Proclamations for that Purpoſe in foregoing Reigns. Are all the Laws againſt Papiſts expir'd?

*Obſ.* No, no, we have good Laws in force againſt them, ſufficient to Purge *London* (nay *England* if we pleaſe) of the Popes Subjects; for ſuch are all Papiſts, let 'em be Born in what Country they will. I don't ſee any Reaſon that the Papiſts, who own the Pope to be Head of the Church of *England*, and do own that he has a Power to diſpoſe of the Kingdom and Crown of *England* to whomſoever he pleaſes; I ſay, I can ſee no Reaſon why theſe Men ſhould be tolerated among Us; for they by Principle are Rebels againſt the Lawful Kings and Queens of this Realm. We have ſeen by woful Experience the Miſchievous effects of theſe Peoples living among us: We ſhall ever Remember the *Powder Plot*, the *Iriſh Maſſacre*, the *Popiſh Plot* in *C.* 2d's time, the *Murder* of Sir *Edmondbury Godfrey*, the Plot againſt the Life of the late King, and many other Helliſh Contrivances of the Papiſts againſt the People and Laws of *England*. I can't tell how we came to be ſo *Secure* in this Reign, as to ſuffer ſuch Multitudes of them to come over. I am ſure they hate Her Majeſty as much as ever they did any of Her Proteſtant Predeceſſors, and I believe much more; for by Her Majeſties Happy Acceſſion to the Throne, their Hopes of *Eſtabliſhing Popery* in *England*, is totally extinguiſh'd; And if we Love Her Majeſty, if we have any regard to the Safety of Her Royal Perſon, and the Security of the Religion, and Laws of our Country; we ought to take as much Care of this ſort of People in *England*, as our good Friends and Allies, the *Dutch*, have done in *Holland*. Our Armies abroad will ſignifie very little, if we ſuffer our Selves to be Invaded at home by ſuch as can do Us no good, but come over with miſchievous Intentions.

*Country-m.* God preſerve my Queen [illegible] the Wicked Intentions of theſe Men. I'll [illegible] you, Her Majeſty ſhall have One to ſtand [illegible] Her as long as I live. But to the Queſtion. Are there no Laws to drive theſe People [illegible] Places ſo near Her Majeſty? Pray let me [illegible] ſome of them.

*Obſ.* To ſatisfie you in this Point, I will [illegible] you an Account of the Penal Laws in [illegible] againſt Papiſts, as far as they occur to [illegible] Memory.

They are Guilty of *High-Treaſon* in [illegible] Reſpects; as,

1. By the Second Refuſal of the Oath [illegible] Supremacy. 5. *Eliz.* 1.

2. By Perſwading, or Reconciling others, [illegible] by being Reconciled Themſelves to the *Roman* Religion. 23. *Eliz.* 1. 3. *Jac.* 4.

3. By Maintaining, or Extolling the Authority of the See of *Rome*, for the Second Offence 5. *Eliz.* 1.

4. By obtaining or putting in Uſe any *Bull* from [illegible] 13. *Eliz.* 2.

5. For any Prieſt or Jeſuit made by Authority [illegible] the Pope, to Come into, or Remain in the Queens Dominions, it is *High-Treaſon*, 27. *Eliz.* 2d. And by the [illegible] Act, it is *High-Treaſon* for any Perſon to remain ſix Months after Proclamation, in a *Seminary*, and return to *England*.

It is *Miſpriſion of Treaſon* to conceal a *Bull*, or other inſtrument from *Rome*, or Reconciliation offered; as alſo to Maintain or Conceal thoſe who Perſwade, or are Reconciled to the *Roman Religion*. 33. *Eliz.* 1. 27. *Eliz.* 2. by the ſame Act, it is *Felony* to Receive, Relieve, or Comfort Jeſuit or Prieſt, knowing Him to be ſuch.

Perſons are guilty of a *Præmunire* in the Caſes following:

1. On the firſt refuſal of the Oath of *Supremacy*. 2. Serving any Foreign Prince, not having before taken the Oath of *Allegiance*, and given Bond not to be Reconciled to the *Roman Religion*. 3. In ſetting forth or defending Power Spiritual, in the See of *Rome*. 4. To bring or receive any *Agnus Dei's*, *Croſſes*, *Pictures*, &c. from *Rome*. 5. Aid any Perſon who hath put in uſe any *Bull* from the See of *Rome*. 6. To ſend Relief to any continuing in *Seminaries* or *Religious Houſes*, beyond the Seas. 7. The Refuſal of the Oath of *Allegiance* upon the ſecond tender. All Perſons guilty of theſe Crimes incur a *Præmunire* by the Statutes of 5. *Eliz.* 1. 19. Chap. 2. 23. C. 1. 13. C. 27. C. 2. 3. *Jac.* Chap. 4. 7. C. 6. The Penalty of a *Præmunire*, is *Forfeiture* of all Lands and Goods, *Impriſonment* for Life, and a *Deprivement* of the Benefit of Law.

Every Popiſh Recuſant by 23. *Eliz.* 2. is confin'd to Five Miles compaſs for Life; and by 3. *Jac.* 5. to Ten Miles diſtance from *London*, and by the ſame Act, not to come into *the Houſe*, where the King or his Heirs: As alſo to a Hundred Pounds Forfeiture for coming to Court; and the ſame Forfeiture for reſiding within Ten Miles of *London*. There are many other Penal Laws againſt Papiſts, but the moſt Material and Suitable to the Occaſion of our preſent Diſcourſe, I have here related. I have told you the Law, now do you ſee if you can get any Body to put it in Execution.

*Country-m.* That I'll do, I warrant you. I'll away immediately to Mr. *Juſtice*, —— and deſire Him, for the ſafety of my Queens Perſon, and the ſecurity of *England*, to put all theſe Laws in Execution.

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